SUBJECT. No. 136.

Conversion of the girls' schools in taluk headquarters into A. V. schools.

Mr. H. V. Gopaliah, Holalkere Municipality.

Mr. H. V. Gopalaiah stated that female education should be encouraged as far as possible. Recently our people were realising the importance of educating their girls and were eager to give them English education but there were no facilities. Therefore he prayed that the Kannada schools in the taluk headquarters might be converted into A.-V. schools.

The Inspector-General of Education remarked that they had first to provide A.-V. Girls' Schools in District head-quarters.

Mr. Srinivasaiengar was of opinion that there would be no good in converting Kannada girls' schools into A.-V. Schools unless they were well equipped. The condition of the schools in taluk headquarters was deplorable. For instance, in Anekal there were only three teachers for the whole school. During the rainy season, the inconveniences experienced were many. He considered that arrangements might be made to improve the existing schools by giving them suitable buildings and staff.

The Dewan observed that if parents have no objection to send their girls to boys' schools, there would be no difficulty for the girls to attend these schools for English education. He was glad to say that during his tour he found in about 8 schools, girls reading along with boys.

SUBJECT. No. 137.

(*a*) Opening of A.-V. schools at taluk headquarters with facilities for all kinds of education.

(*b*) Revival of grant-in-aid to industrial schools.

Messrs. B. Srinivasaiengar, R. Subba Rao, Anekal Taluk; H. Gubbaiya, Anekal Municipality; Dasegowda, P. Muthaiah, Channapatna Taluk; P. R. Basavarajaiah, Mandi Dasappa; Channapatna Municipality, and C. Narahariah, Nelamangala Taluk.

Mr. B. Srinivasaiengar said that according to the Education Memorandum all conveniences should be created for industrial and other kinds of education in the existing A.-V. Schools and such schools should be opened in all taluk head-quarters But so far no arrangements were made in most of the schools.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 138.

Sanskrit to be made optional from first form.

Mr. B.N. Raghaviah, Shimoga Town Municipality.

Mr. Ananthaiya requested that the system of teaching Sanskrit might be made compulsory in all classes.

The Inspector-General of Education explained that under the existing rules, Sanskrit might be taken as optional from the first form. There were Sanskrit Pandits in many of the schools. If there were many students, arrangements would be made for teaching Sanskrit in schools which had no Sanskrit Pandits.